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Identical letters dated 18 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 17 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Daily report on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq

Daily activity report for 17 December 2002

I. IAEA inspection team

The team divided into two groups.

Group I

The group, consisting of 15 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours, heading for Ninawa Governorate. At 1435 hours it reached the Jabir ibn Hayyan State Establishment belonging to the Military Industrialization Commission, located 30 kilometres north of Mosul. There the group met those in charge of the enterprise and requested explanations of its activities, which were provided. The group conducted a radiometric survey using portable instruments, and inspected all sections of the company, gathering water and soil samples and taking inside measurements. At 1625 hours it ended the visit. The group spent the night in Mosul.

Group II

The group, consisting of two inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours. It proceeded to the Radwan State Enterprise, one of the corporations belonging to the Military Industrialization Commission, located 30 kilometres east of Baghdad and specializing in the production of safes. The group checked the tagged machinery and equipment and then visited the Ubur State Enterprise annexed to the Radwan State Enterprise, which is also a corporation belonging to the Military Industrialization Commission and which specializes in machinery and equipment maintenance. The group asked for explanations about the Iraqi machine "Jihad". It also inspected all the technical buildings at the factory. The group ended the visit at 1145 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1230 hours.

II. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

The missile inspection team divided into two groups.

Group I

The group, consisting of nine inspectors led by Mr. William Jolley, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours. At 0920 hours it arrived at the oxidizer production plant belonging to the Raya Centre, one of the Ministry of Industry and Mining's enterprises. This site is mentioned in Iraq's last biannual declaration. The inspection group held a meeting with the manager, whom it asked for explanations concerning

the activities at the site and asked when production had actually begun. The group also inspected all the company facilities. It ended the visit at 1115 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1155 hours.

Group II

The group, consisting of 12 inspectors led by Mr. Kenneth Grove, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours. At 1000 hours it arrived at the Amani factory, located in Amiriyah al-Fallujah, 70 kilometres east of Baghdad. The group requested explanations concerning changes that had taken place at the factory since 1998 and inspected the facilities at the site, asking to see the site plans, which were provided to them. The group ended its visit at 1335 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1510 hours.

III. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

Group I

The group, consisting of 12 inspectors, left at 0615 hours, heading for Ninawa Governorate, and arrived at 1100 hours at the Ninawa Pharmaceutical Enterprise, 15 kilometres north of Mosul. The group checked the Iraqi declarations and the tagged equipment, and took videos and photographs of areas of the enterprise. The group asked to see the site plans, and requested explanations of the activities at the site, all of which were provided to them. The group ended its visit at 1730 hours and stayed overnight in Mosul.

Group II

The group, consisting of nine inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours, and proceeded to the Biotechnology Department at the University of Baghdad Faculty of Sciences, located in Jadiriyah, Baghdad. Upon arrival, the group held a meeting with the director of the department, which was also attended by the dean of the faculty. The group asked questions about the department and its activities, which were answered. It also checked the portions of the Iraqi declarations pertaining to the department and the titles of the university research projects. The group ended its visit to the department at 1110 hours and proceeded to the Institute of Genetic Engineering, which it had visited the day before, taking measurements of the site, after which it returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

The team, consisting of 18 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours. At 0955 hours it arrived at the chlorine factory belonging to the Tariq State Enterprise, which is under the authority of the Military Industrialization Commission. The site is subject to ongoing monitoring and verification, and the former Special Commission (UNSCOM) inspection teams had already visited on dozens of occasions, as had the UNMOVIC inspection team, which visited it on 9 December 2002. The team checked the Iraqi declarations and the tagged systems and chemical substances. It also inspected all the facilities and offices of the chlorine factory and the company headquarters offices. The group completed its assignment at 1610 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1750 hours.